

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly cancel claim 6 and rewrite Claims 1-14 as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:*

1. (Original) An inosine-L-arginine salt.
2. (Original) The inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 1, wherein inosine and L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts
3. (Original) The inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 1 produced by the process of
  - a) dissolving in water inosine and L-arginine in substantially equimolar amounts,
  - b) drying the dissolution product.
4. (Original) The inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 3, wherein the process includes the additional step of adding the product of step (a) to anhydrous ethanol prior to step (b).
5. (Original) A composition comprising the inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 1.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Original) The composition of claim 6, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.
8. (withdrawn) A method of promoting the growth of a plant comprising treating said plant with an inosine-L-arginine salt.
9. (withdrawn) A method of promoting the growth of a plant comprising treating said plant with a composition comprising an aqueous solution of inosine and L-arginine.
10. (withdrawn) The method of claim 9, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.
11. (withdrawn) A method of activating a cell comprising treating the cell with an inosine-L-arginine salt.
12. (withdrawn) A method of activating a cell comprising treating the cell with a composition comprising an aqueous solution of inosine and L-arginine.
13. (withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.
14. (Original) A method of making an inosine-L-arginine salt comprising
  - a) dissolving in water inosine and L-arginine in substantially equimolar

amounts; and

- b) adding the product of step (a) to anhydrous ethanol; and
- c) drying the product of step (b) to obtain inosine-L-arginine salt.